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Dear Friends,

Having served in the U.S. Armed Forces — first as a paratrooper in the Army's 101st Airborne Division, then later as a member of the Illinois National Guard, I understand the sacrifices veterans have made for our country and share their pride.

My office offers several military service-related license plates to honor those who have served this great country. If you qualify for any of these special military plate categories, I encourage you to proudly display these plates on your vehicle and get the recognition you rightfully deserve.

Jesse White

Jesse White • Secretary of State

Armed Forces Reserves
Illinois National Guard

Any Illinois resident who is an active or former member of the Illinois National Guard or Armed Forces Reserves or who is a surviving spouse of a member may apply for as many sets of these plates as they have vehicles titled, registered or leased in their name.

Required: current photocopy of DD Form 2 (U.S. Uniformed Service ID Card) verifying guard or reserve status, or DD214 (discharge from military service) verifying service record.

Bronze Star/Silver Star

Any Illinois resident who has been awarded the Bronze Star or Silver Star medal may apply for as many sets of these plates as they have vehicles titled, registered or leased in their name.

Required: photocopy of DD214 (discharge from military service) verifying receipt of medal, or letter from the Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs or the federal government verifying service record.

Congressional Medal of Honor

Any Illinois resident who have been awarded this medal may apply for these plates. No fees are required for the first set of plates.

Required: form from the federal government or letter from the Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs verifying receipt of medal

Disabled Veteran

Any U.S. Armed Forces veteran who has a 100 percent military disability or who is eligible to receive a federal grant toward the purchase of a vehicle may apply for these plates. No fees are required for the first set of plates. Vehicles displaying these plates may park in spaces reserved for persons with disabilities. Parking meter fees and time limitations also are waived, except in areas with designated parking of 30 minutes or less.

Required: letter from the Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs verifying the applicant is 100 percent military service disabled, or is eligible to receive or in receipt of a federal grant toward the purchase of a vehicle.

Ex-Prisoner of War

Any U.S. citizen who was a prisoner of war and is a present or former member of the U.S. Armed Forces or any of its allies may apply for these plates. No fees are required for the first set of plates. The name of the ex-prisoner of war must appear as owner or co-owner on both the title and registration applications. The widowed spouse of an ex-prisoner of war may apply for these plates, provided the spouse was married to the ex-prisoner of war at the time of death and is single at the time of application.

Required: form from the federal government or letter from the Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs verifying Ex-Prisoner of War status.

Gold Star

Surviving spouses of Illinois residents who received the Gold Star may apply for one set of these plates. If no spouse, a surviving parent may apply; if no parent, a surviving sibling may apply.

Required: letter verifying receipt of Gold Star medal, including service member's name and relationship to applicant.

Korean War Veteran

Any Illinois resident who served in the U.S. Armed Forces between June 27, 1950, and July 27, 1954, within the territorial limits of Korea, in water immediately adjacent thereto, or who has been awarded the Korean War Service Medal may apply for these plates. Medal recipients may apply for as many sets of these plates as they have vehicles titled, registered or leased in their name. Korean War Veteran plates may be displayed on recreational vehicles.

Required: photocopy of DD214 (discharge from military service) indicating Korean War Service Medal status, or letter from the Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs or the federal government verifying service record.

Marine Corps

Any Illinois veteran who is an active or former member of the U.S. Marine Corps may apply for these plates.

Required: Photocopy of DD214 (discharge from military service), miltary ID card or letter from the Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs or the federal goverment verifying military service.

A $20 fee is required for the original issuance of Marine Corps plates. An additional $20 fee is required upon renewal. A portion of these fees go to the Marine Corps Scholarship Fund.

Pearl Harbor Survivor

Any Illinois resident who served at Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941, as a member of the U.S. Armed Forces may apply for these plates. The widowed spouse of a Pearl Harbor survivor is eligible, provided the spouse was married to the Pearl Harbor survivor at the time of death and single at the time of application.

Required: letter from the Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs or the federal government verifying presence on the island of Oahu or aboard a ship within three miles of the island during the attack.

POW/MIA

These plates honor Illinois residents who were Prisoners of War or Missing in Action while a member of the U.S. Armed Forces. No special documentation is required when requesting these plates.

Purple Heart

Any Illinois resident who has been awarded the military's Purple Heart medal may apply for as many sets of these plates as they have vehicles titled, registered or leased in their name.

Required: photocopy of DD214 (discharge from military service) or letter from the Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs or the federal government verifying receipt of the Purple Heart.

Retired Armed Forces

Any retired member of the U.S. Armed Forces who resides in Illinois may apply for these plates.

Required: photocopy of DD Form 2 (U.S. Uniformed Service ID Card) verifying full retirement status. Members of the Armed Forces Reserves or Illinois National Guard who have not reached age 60 must submit a copy of DD Form 2 and documentation showing transfer to retired status.

Universal Veteran

Any Illinois resident who has served in the U.S. Armed Forces may apply for these plates. Branch of service and/or theater of action decals are available through the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Adjutant-Quarter-Master or the American Legion, Department of the Adjutant.

Required: photocopy of DD214 (discharge from military service) or letter from the Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs or the federal government verifying military service.

Vietnam Veteran

Any Illinois resident who served in the Vietnam conflict may apply for as many sets of these plates as they have vehicles titled, registered or leased in their name.

Required: photocopy of DD214 (discharge from military service) verifying Vietnam Service medal status, or a letter from the Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs or the federal government verifying service record.

West Point Bicentennial

Any Illinois resident is eligible to apply for as many sets of these plates as they have vehicles titled, registered or leased in their name. No special military documentation is required. These plates commemorate the 200th anniversary of the founding of West Point Military Academy in New York.

World War II Veteran

Any Illinois resident who served in the U.S. Armed Forces during World War II may apply for these plates. The veteran may apply for as many sets of these plates as they have vehicles titled, registered or leased in their name.

Required: photocopy of DD214 (discharge from military service) verifying military service between Dec. 7, 1941, and Sept. 2, 1945, or a letter from the Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs or the federal government verifying service record.

For more information

Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs
833 S. Spring St. • Springfield, IL 62794-9432 • 217-782-3418

Veterans Administration Regional Office
536 S. Clark St. • Chicago, IL 60605 • 312-663-5519

National Personnel Records Center
9700 Page Blvd. • St. Louis, MO 63132

Military Plate Facts

- Titles, transfers, duplicate registration cards and replacement license plates are subject to standard fees.
- Military license plates may be displayed on passenger cars, trucks, vans weighing 8,000 pounds or less and motorcycles (except the Gold Star).
- Any applicant who receives a grant under the Circuit Breaker Program may apply for a reduced registration fee (except those applying for Congressional Medal of Honor, Disabled Veteran, Ex-Prisoner of War, Gold Star and West Point Bicentennial license plates).
- Military license plates issued for motorcycles are the same size as passenger car plates.

Registration Information

If your current plates expire within 90 days, submit:

- preprinted renewal application or registration application
- documentation required for the relevant plate category
- proof of ownership
- annual registration and other applicable fees — A $15 fee is required for the original issuance of Gold Star, Korean War Veteran, Bronze Star, Silver Star, World War II Veteran, Vietnam Veteran, West Point Bicentennial and Universal Veteran plates. Beginning January 2004, the $2 fee will no longer be required upon renewal.

If your current plates do not expire within 90 days, submit:

- registration application
- documentation required for the relevant plate category
- current registration card
- $14 replacement fee (plus applicable original issuance fees)

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For More Information

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Armed Forces Reserves/Illinois National Guard
Retired Armed Forces/Universal Veteran/Silver Star
Korean War Veteran 217-785-8627

Bronze Star/Congressional Medal of Honor/Disabled Veterans
Ex-Prisoner of War/Gold Star/Pearl Harbor Survivor
Purple Heart/West Point Bicentennial 217-785-4175

Marine Corps/World War II Veteran 217-782-2470

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